

CRAM varieties: High Yielding Climate Resilient Upland Rice Varieties for Africa

Climate resilient CRAM varieties for enhanced rice productivity for African farmers

CRAM (Climate Resilient Upland Rice Varieties for Africa) are high-yielding, early-maturing rice varieties developed by AfricaRice and CNRA for rainfed upland and sloping fields. Maturing in just 101–104 days, they combine yield potential of up to 5.0 t/ha with resistance to major diseases, lodging, and shattering.



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Commodities

Rice

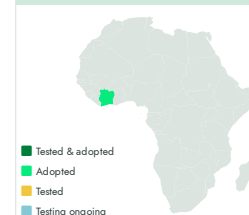
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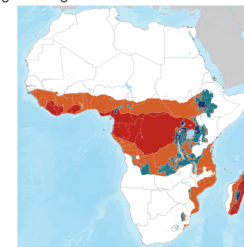
Production, Improved varieties,
Disease resistance, Insect resistance

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



Target groups

Breeders, Farmers, Seed companies,
Researcher center,
Cooperatives and Agribusinesses

This technology is **pre-validated**.

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Scaling readiness: idea maturity
9/9; level of use8/9

1012 USD

Cost USD per hectare

1320 USD

Revenue USD per
hectare

308 USD

Net income USD per
hectare

30 %

ROI per hectare

**1.78 USD per
kg**

Certified Seed
Purchase

**3,220.00
USD per ha**

Official Variety
Certification &
Inspection

**3.57 USD per
kg**

Foundation Seed
Procurement

**4,000 kg per
ha**

Expected Seed Yield



Open source / open
access

Problem

- Unstable yields: Variable rainfall reduces production reliability and business returns.
- Disease losses: Blast and brown spot reduce yields and increase crop protection costs.
- Short production windows: Long-cycle varieties reduce production flexibility.
- Harvest losses: Lodging and shattering reduce marketable grain and increase costs.
- Limited marketability: Poor grain quality reduces consumer and processor demand.

Solution

- Higher yields: Yield potential reaches up to 5.0 t/ha.
- Disease resistance: Blast and brown spot resistance protects production.
- Early maturity: The 101–104-day cycle fits shorter production windows.
- Lower harvest losses: Lodging and shattering resistance protects marketable grain.
- Better market value: Good grain and processing quality strengthens market opportunities.

Key points to design your business plan

CRAM offers **seed multipliers and sellers** a ready-to-scale commercial opportunity:

- **11.5 tonnes of G4 foundation seed** available for multiplication.
- **~50% ROI** from seed production, with yields up to **4 t/ha**.
- **Strong farmer demand** for early-maturing, drought-tolerant varieties.
- **Good market value** from quality and aromatic grain options.
- **Scale through** certification, agro-dealer and farmer networks.

Inclusion assessment



Climate impact



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